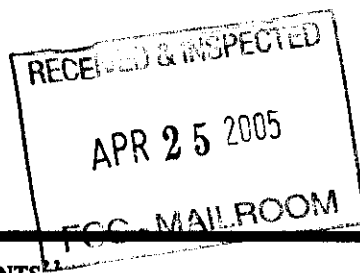


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Re: **WC Docket No. 05-65; SBC COMMUNICATIONS and AT & T CORP.**
Applications For Approval Of Transfer Of Control

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to encourage your approval of the proposed merger of SBC Communications and AT & T Corporation. This merger is in the public interest and will help America become more competitive. The United States is not ranked in the top 10 countries in the world as far as deployment of the infrastructure necessary to offer advanced broadband networks. This is disappointing and unacceptable. This merger will encourage capital investment in America's telecommunications related industries.

The cumulative assets of SBC and AT & T will instantly make it a United States based global competitor that is better able to compete with international companies. The merged company will have greater resources, and expertise, to develop innovative products. Furthermore, competition has given consumers various low cost options for broadband, including: DSL, Voice Over IP, Satellite, Wireless, and Cable Modem. The merger will create more competition by encouraging further consolidation among United States based telecom providers and help maintain low prices for consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Truly,

Hardie Blake
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